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For: METHODS AND MATERIALS RELATING
TO NOVEL STEM CELL GROWTH FACTOR-
LIKE POLYPEPTIDES AND
POLYNUCLEOTIDES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the restriction requirement mailed December 18, 2002. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time.